

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Countrywide Demonstration & Dec 16 Victory Day Celebrations

December 14, 2017

With the United States Government's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, there have been calls for a countrywide demonstration against the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka scheduled for Friday, December 15 immediately following noon prayers by Islami Shashontontro Andolon (ISA). Historically, demonstrations in Dhaka by Islamist organizations have been held in the area of the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque (BMNM) located approximately 11 kms south of Dhaka's Diplomatic Enclave (DE).

In addition, on Saturday, December 16, Bangladesh will also hold national celebrations to commemorate their victory over Pakistan in Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War. Celebratory events will include flag hoisting, parades, speeches by the President and Prime Minister, entertainment and cultural events throughout the country.

In response, the Dhaka Metropolitan and Diplomatic Security Division Police (DMP/DSDP) are likely to temporarily deploy additional manpower and equipment throughout the country, possibly impacting vehicular and pedestrian traffic in these affected areas this weekend.

Extra caution and vigilance should be taken to avoid large crowds and protests. As always, be aware of your surroundings at all times. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

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